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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL - INFORMAL

1. DUE TO ARRIVAL OF SHUSHKOV DELEGATION, MKRTUMOV
ASKED FOR A POSTPONEMENT OF THE BUSINESS FACILITATION
MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 22. IT HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED
FOR MARCH 9. WE ARE TRYING TO WORK OUT A STRATEGY WITH
COMMERCE FOR HANDLING THESE MEETINGS; YOU SHOULD BE GETTING
A CABLE ON THIS NEXT WEEK.

2. RE HAMILTON-WEISZ-SMITH ASSIGNMENTS (MOSCOW 2051)
WE ARE ASSURED THAT ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN
AND PAPER WORK SHOULD BE FORWARDED SHORTLY IF YOU HAVEN'T
ALREADY RECEIVED NOTIFICATIONS.

3. PLEASE INFORM DICK MILES THAT HIS JANUARY 26 CHECKS
TO AMERICAN SECURITY AND TRUST DID NOT REPEAT NOT ARRIVE;
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AMERICAN SECURITY IS WELL AWARE OF THE GENERAL PROBLEM,
HOWEVER, AND IS IN TOUCH WITH RFC PARIS. ON THE OTHER
HAND, BOTH THE CREDIT UNION AND THE REALTOR CLAIM TO HAVE
RECEIVED CHECKS FOR HIS ACCOUNTS DURING THAT PERIOD.

4. PER HAS AGAIN REBUFFED US ON OUR REQUEST THAT A
WASHINGTON INITIATIVE BE MADE TO FARRAND ON HIS ASSIGN-

MENT. UNLESS BILL WANTS TO RECONSIDER AND COME IN WITH SOMETHING, WE WILL PROCEED WITH THE ONLY REMAINING OPTION, WHICH IS AN EUR TO PER MEMO REQUESTING HIM FOR THE JOB AND JUSTIFYING OUR INTERVENTION ON THE BASIS OF HIS BEING THE ONLY QUALIFIED CANDIDATE. IT SEEMS PROBABLE THAT PER WILL RESPOND BY SUBMITTING A LIST OF PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE CANDIDATES WHICH WE WILL HAVE TO KNOCK DOWN ONE BY ONE. THIS MAY STRETCH THINGS OUT, BUT WE'LL HAVE OUR GO NEXT WEEK. ON TWO POINTS RAISED BY BILL IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH MEL: MEL'S JOB IS AT THE O-3 LEVEL; AND EUR/EX AT LEAST DOESN'T THINK THERE IS ANY STANDING INSTRUCTION THAT WOULD REQUIRE A REQUEST FOR CURTAILMENT IN THIS CASE TO COME FROM WASHINGTON.
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